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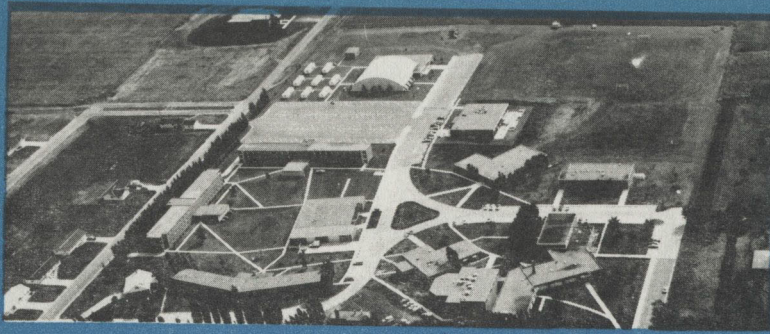
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ANNUAL HOMECOMING

The annual Homecoming at Dordt is scheduled for February 18 and 19 and an all-out attempt is being made to have as many alumni return to their alma mater as possible. Friday and Saturday seem to be the most convenient days to have the Homecoming activities and it's hoped that many former students from throughout the country will respond.

The alumni executive committee has met recently with the Dordt Student Council to plan many interesting and fun filled activities. The theme of the Homecoming will be "Yesterday, Today, --For Tomorrow."

Friday activities include a pep rally at 4 p.m. After a candlelight supper from 4:45 to 6:15 p.m., alumni will have an opportunity to attend the junior varsity basketball game at 6:30 p.m. and at 7:00 p.m. the pre-game activities which will feature floats and a progression parade depicting Dordt students of '55, '60, '65, '70, and '75. The varsity basketball game Dordt vs. Briar Cliff, starts at 7:30 p.m. followed by a student-alumni reception at 9:30 p.m. in the Student Union lounge.

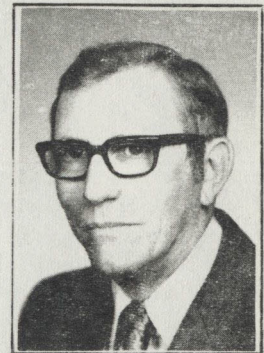
On Saturday, activities will start at 1:00 p.m. with a music and talent program presented by alumni and present Dordt students. Later in the afternoon a basketball game between the alumni and an intramural team should provide lots of fun and nostalgic feelings. A formal banquet, swimming in Sioux Center's new pool, and a sing-along in the Student Union will top off the festivities. (Free babysitting will be available on campus for proud new parents.)

Come on - join the fun! Charter a bus, take a snowmobile, get a carload --- anything to renew old times and show support for Dordt. Remember - February 18 and 19 -- be sure to reserve this date!

ENTERING THE YEAR OF OUR LORD, 1972

The beginning of a new year affords an opportune time for a few moments of solemn reflection. What lies ahead? How will we meet the experiences of 1972?

To ponder the future requires an analysis of the present. Where are we now? As the people of God; as a church, as citizens of the Kingdom of God? What is the situation? Do today's circumstances indicate better or worse things for tomorrow? Is there something



special which we should have learned from the past, which explains the present, and cries for attention in the future? Will we learn? Can we learn? Will there be any degree of agreement on what was wrong, on what was right, and on how to secure the good while eradicating the evil? Is the possibility of a significant amount of cooperation among us still a hopeful one? What role are Dordt College and other Kingdom institutions able to play in this?

These are questions which have always been pertinent at New Year's time. This New Year's, however, there is a particularly painful pertinency about them. Do we dare to speak frankly, honestly, and openly about them?

Well, here is my forthright analysis and version of the situation.

The Current Conditions

No good can come from denying the fact that we as a people of God are in very serious trouble. The woes which have descended upon other denominations and other sectors of public life have not escaped us. We sit with a lap full of problems. Think of the race issue, neo-Pentecostalism, Fundamentalism, biblicism, social gospel emphasis, neo-orthodoxy, the new hermeneutics, changing liturgies, offensive (?) lifestyles, declining interest in Christian education, cultural optimism, cultural pessimism, the breakdown of authority, of marriage, and of the home, etc., etc.. You can add your own concerns to this list.

Previously when our church faced strange ideas and deceptive influences, there was a central, united leadership operative which wisely yet definitely provided guidance and direction. Wherever the ranks were broken among God's people one witnessed a rather speedy closing of these ranks. The bulk of God's people responded approvingly to the trusted leadership and the threat to our faith was soon overcome.

Leadership Lacking

One does not find such leadership today. Just when we need united leadership more than ever before, it's not there. There are attempts at leadership. Several of them indeed! But the result is a scattered, fractured leadership. Each little pool works independently of others, often at cross-purposes. Each has its own assessment of what is wrong and what is right in the framework of its own biases and

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research, instrumentation, and procedures of one of the better laboratories in the country. Acceptance into the program is based on level of achievement and promise of the student in their particular field as well as the recommendation from the departmental chairman of their college.

The Argonne National Laboratory is a major installation of the United States Atomic Energy Commission. It is located 25 miles southwest of downtown Chicago. The Laboratory has a scientific staff of over 1,000 and presents unique research and development facilities in many basic and applied science areas.

Mr. De Young is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Marvin De Young of Sioux Center. He is a 1968 graduate of Unity Christian High in Orange City.

Mr. Mahaffy is the son of Rev. and Mrs. F. Mahaffy of Chicago, Illinois. He is a 1968 graduate of Timothy Christian High School.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Jan. 11, 12, 14, 15 - "The Hobbit"
- Jan. 12 - Second Semester Begins
- Jan. 14 - Travelogue - "Scotland"
- Jan. 21 - Basketball - Pillsbury College
- Jan. 25 - Community Concert
- Jan. 29 - Basketball - Martin Luther College
- Feb. 4 - Basketball - Mt. Marty College
- Feb. 11 - Travelogue - "Fabulous East Africa"
- Feb. 18, 19 - Homecoming
- Feb. 18 - Basketball - Briar Cliff
- Feb. 23 - Basketball - Northwestern College
- March 10 - Travelogue - "Taiwan, Hong Kong, and Singapore"
- March 19 - St. Matthew Passion

Dordt Concert Choir Tour

- March 22--Grand Haven, Mich.
- March 23--Oak Lawn, Illinois
- March 24--Munster, Indiana
- March 26--Grand Rapids, Mich. Holland, Mich.
- March 27--Grandville, Mich.
- March 28--Muskegon, Mich.
- March 29--Holland, Mich.
- March 30--Kalamazoo, Mich.
- March 31--Pittsburgh, Pa.
- April 1--Oostburg, Wisc.
- April 2--Sheboygan, Wisc.

Student Teaching Assignment Completed

One of the bigger tasks of the Education department during the fall term is securing places for the senior education students to do their practice teaching assignment. This year Dordt will have 106 students going to various schools for this rich experience. When this assignment is finished successfully, and when the student earns an A.B. degree, he is ready to receive an Iowa Professional teaching certificate.

Needless to say, student teaching is the high point of the senior year (it might compete with marriage plans for a few). Three and one-half years of work has gone into a preparation state. Now seniors look back at their freshmen and sophomore years and smile about the barriers and disappointments that stood in the way of their success. But, now the goal is in sight.

In the early dawn of Jan. 12th, 1972 we'll pray our student teachers on their way. For eight weeks they'll make their daily excursions. Big days--full days--satisfying days. No part of Dordt College deals more extensively or more intimately with students than does the Education department. Throughout the four years of college life the education student is constantly being confronted with the task of preparation for teaching. In spite of the plentiful supply of teachers, the program for future teachers remains an attractive program at Dordt College.

It has been a tonic for those members of the Education department who work in the area of placing student teachers, to have been received so enthusiastically in the area schools. Superintendents, Principals, and teachers have welcomed us into their schools and school rooms. Dordt feels acutely its obligation to remain worthy of such reception. Undoubtedly it has been the students who have "sold" the education product; a product fashioned by many teachers and countless hours of student study.

The following schools will host student teachers for 1972:

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| West Lyon | Ocheyedan Com. |
| Inwood Chr. | Sheldon Com. |
| Rock Valley Com. | Floyd Valley Com. |
| Rock Valley Chr. | Unity |
| Boydton-Hull Com. | Orange City Chr. |
| Western | Maurice-Orange City |
| Hull Christian | Dakota Chr. High |

Central Lyon Com. Sioux Center Chr.
George Com. Southwestern of Minn.
Little Rock Com. Sioux Center Com.
Sibley Com. Ireton Chr.

Should a Rip Van Winkle of 1960 suddenly appear to evaluate our methods of teaching, he would stand amazed in our modern classroom. New media, new books, informed discipline, individual instruction, new curriculum are the order of the day. To stay ahead or even abreast of this new instructional avalanche is the task of an education department in a college. With the wholehearted cooperation of the administration and teachers of the Sioux Center Community Schools and the Sioux Center Christian School, a "mini-teaching" program was initiated this fall. In short--mini teachers are invited into the schools to aid teachers and to "get the feel" of the classroom. This usually involves two periods or hours per week. After a semester of mini-teaching experience the student makes an easy transition into practice teaching. Also, mini-teaching fits the new teaching image of activity and dynamic learning.

To "born" a program takes time and patience, and the education department is not finished with attempts to upgrade the offering in the Education department.

A thorough study of the offerings in methods is now being undertaken by the department. Mr. Schreur of the Iowa State Department of Education met with the Teacher Education Committee--gave approval of their work and plans--and encouraged the committee and Education Department to continue their efforts for improvement.

By this time you will have come to the right conclusion--the work of the Education department will never be completed or finished. Around every corner is a new or different vista, and a Tuscanini feeling comes over one--never satisfied.

Education departments in all colleges need a new self-image; not one of mediocrity--but of dynamic involvement; it needs a new complimentary vision, not one of jest and derogatory embellishments. It seems to be popular to malign schools and educators, and sometimes they must be criticized, but few areas of learning have risen to meet the demands of new culture as have Education departments in colleges--and that includes Dordt!

Dr. G. G. Rozeboom

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prejudices, bitternesses and frustrations. And what about the people? Does any one leadership group latch on to a respectable majority of God's people? Hardly. We find minority clusters of people forming around this and that leadership group. And due to the complexity of the situation we find that often these leadership groups are comprised of individuals who are not in basic agreement as to what the real issues are. Neither do they always agree on solutions to the problems which concern them. The result is that even within the various groups there is uneasiness, debate, wrangling and division, even to the point where finally an ever growing number of responsible people admit to hopeless confusion, frustration, and plain disgust.

A Way Out

Is there a way out? Can a central, united leadership group be formed which will successfully rally a solid majority of responsible people behind it? This must happen very soon or it will, in all probability, be too late. Somewhere, somehow, a new leadership council must arise out of the several existing ones.

There may be those who hold that, if such a council is to be called, the Synod should do so. Although I believe very strongly that in ecclesiastical matters we should follow the path of the ecclesiastical bodies, I also am convinced that what faces us today is of a much broader and more complex nature than can be handled by ecclesiastical bodies. The type of council I am pleading for and the character of the work I see it engaged in, would not represent a repudiation of the ecclesiastical assemblies. Rather it would hopefully set a new climate in which these assemblies and other Kingdom agencies could function more effectively. However, I do not think that the peculiar problems and issues which such a council would address itself to, would best be served by a council called by and responsible to the Synod.

I am candidly pleading, therefore, for a number of representative, responsible leaders from among the several groups to come together. Such a conference should include, among others, the editor of The Banner, the Back to God Hour minister and representatives from the academic community. The first session should afford ample time for thorough analysis and a well-articulated

plan of procedure. This requires, I would suggest, a meeting of at least three days duration.

Obviously, there will have to be an eagerness to unite behind a program which is in harmony with our basic Reformed, Calvinistic heritage. Once such a group of leaders sit down in serious, prayerful discussion, we may well be surprised at the large areas of agreement which we share and from which we can proceed.

Much At Stake

It is my conviction that there is a mighty army of God's people ready to rally behind sound leadership. And there is so much at stake in our circles. Think of our institutions of mercy, our Christian schools, our churches, and our many fine families. Yes, and think also of our covenant youth and their groping after light and help as they confront the powerful forces of unbelief surrounding them.

The Lord in His grace has lavished so much upon us as a church. How can we best capitalize on these blessings for the good of God's people and the furthering of His Kingdom in these dark days? What a tragedy if we should allow our individual grievances to block the way to concerted, dynamic, fruitful action.

The Lord Reigns

We are entering the year of our Lord 1972. It is, after all, a year that belongs to Him. What a comfort! What rest amidst the storms! Our world is truly in good hands. And therefore we have hope. His cause which is our cause cannot fail. We go forward with realistic optimism. And we wait upon our King to perform His will, His decrees.

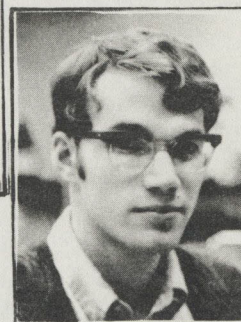
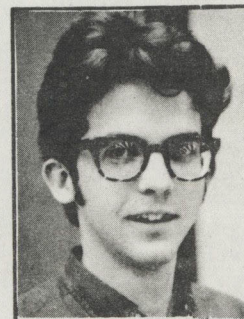
Dordt's Response

Now what about Dordt College as it enters the year of our Lord, 1972? With the help of God, Dordt will continue to proclaim the sovereignty of our Lord in all areas of life. More specifically, as a Calvinistic college we will seek to bring all thought in obedience to Jesus Christ by testing all learning in the light of the Holy Scriptures. However, let it be recognized that neither Dordt nor any other institution or agency in the Kingdom is going to be able to function fruitfully and unto the glory of God un-

less and until we are able to work unitedly and cooperatively rather than in opposition to one another. We may well pray, therefore, that the year of our Lord, 1972, will be the year in which we find ourselves under responsible leadership recapturing our Calvinistic world-and-life view so that we may move forward in the promotion of His Kingdom on all fronts.

Rev. B.J. Haan

DORDT STUDENTS RECEIVE SCIENCE HONORS



Mr. Paul Mahaffy and Mr. Gary De Young, senior students at Dordt College, have each been offered an appointment to Argonne Inter-Term Nuclear Science Program in their respective areas. Mr. Mahaffy is in the area of Instrumentation for Chemists. This program is to be held at the Argonne National Laboratory of Chicago, Illinois, January 3-21, 1972.

The Chemistry Program will be devoted to the theory and application of various instruments useful to the chemist (eg. infrared, ultra-violet, visible, atomic-absorption, mass spectrometry, nuclear magnetic resonance, etc.).

Mr. De Young's appointment is in the area of Nuclear Radiation Detection to be held at the Argonne National Laboratory of Chicago, Illinois, January 3-21, 1972. The Physics Program in which Mr. De Young will participate will concentrate on radiation measurements in nuclear research. Coordinates of each discipline will require laboratory reports, tests, and other written work.

The purpose of the Argonne program is to provide promising college juniors and seniors an opportunity to familiarize themselves with the level of

FOUNDATION DAY DRIVE REACHES \$50,000

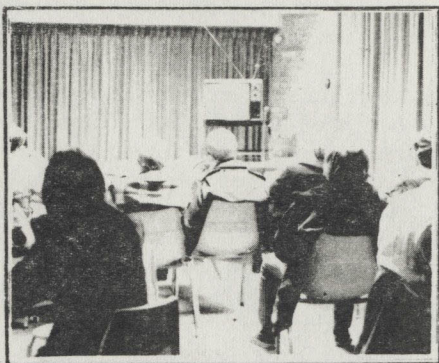
The Dordt College Fall Foundation Day Drive has reached the \$50,700 mark as of December 15, 1971 with a substantial number of churches left to submit their drive results to the college.

Since it is usually early February before we have received all of the drive results, a final tabulation will not be available until the next Voice. Presently, it appears that the drive will total close to \$55,000.

To the literally thousands of friends and supporters who have already made their gifts to the drive, we again offer our heartfelt thanks. The Fall Foundation Day Campaign is a vital link in meeting our operating expenses every year. The college simply couldn't operate without this help.

As a college of the people, Dordt is dependent upon their loyal and loving support. We praise God with thankful hearts for this support which His people have and continue to demonstrate for the Kingdom task of Christian higher education being carried on at Dordt College.

Memorial Gift



A new color television set, pictured above, has been given to the college in memory of the late Jackson De Jongh, a Dordt College student who was killed in a tragic automobile accident last year.

Funds for the memorial gift were received from Dordt College students, Jackson's many friends, and Jackson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton De Jongh of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

The set has been installed in the Student Union coffee shop where it, hopefully, will be a lasting source of entertainment for the entire student body.

Colleges of Mid-America Meet

Some of the Voice readers may be acquainted with the fact that Dordt College is a member of a Consortium of eleven private colleges located in western Iowa, Nebraska and the Dakotas. From time to time these colleges meet to discuss subjects of common interest. On November 12 and 13 we met to discuss the Role of the Christian College in American Higher Education.

Two very capable and informed speakers had been imported to give the lead lectures around which subsequent discussion was to be centered. One was Sister Ann Ida Ganon, president of a Catholic college. She suggested that we no longer concern ourselves with the nonessential forms that tend to grow up around our expression of our religion, but that we promote the gospel of Jesus Christ. This received an "Amen" from the nearly thirty Dordt faculty present until it came out in subsequent discussion that her idea of the gospel was thoroughly humanistic.

The second speaker was Dr. Robert L. Sandin now associated with Toledo University but formerly associated with Northwestern College of Minneapolis. Northwestern at one time had Billy Graham as its president so as might be expected Dr. Sandin spoke from the standpoint of a Bible believing evangelical. Among other things, he told us that if we did not present a distinctively Christian life view we had no reason for existence. But in keeping to that life view we had better reason for existing than any other educational institutions in the country. He suggested, "Assume you are right and that current trends are wrong. Don't worry about success but proceed in faith. Don't look to Egypt (the secular world) for help. As of old, like the bruised reed that it is, it will pierce your hand if you lean upon it."

The discussion sessions after the lectures were particularly revealing. In each group there was a representation from the various colleges attending. Let me speak for the experience in our group.

First, it was suggested that the role of the Christian college was to give more personal attention to the student because of generally smaller size. Someone volunteered that she had attended a small secular school and had

received personalized attention. So that goal was out. Next it was suggested that our purpose was to uphold the dignity of the human person. To this there was the response that the secular mind strongly believes in human dignity on the basis of man as the only creature who has evolved with the faculty of reason.

The subject then shifted to Christianity but there was no agreement as to what constituted Christianity. Obviously, few considered the doctrine of Christ's vicarious atonement as essential.

Presently, the subject of teacher qualifications came under discussion. It was agreed that a teacher in a Christian college should be committed to a search for the truth. One philosopher-theologian suggested that we can never find the truth because God is transcendent. Apparently, in Barthian fashion, he did not believe that the Way, the Truth and the Life had dwelt among men in actual history. In reply to this suggestion of the constant search I quoted the words of Paul, "Ever learning but never able to come to a knowledge of the truth."

After the discussion session Dordt faculty members began to compare notes. They discovered that the same questions came up in the various sessions with Dordt faculty members offering substantially similar solutions. Sometimes there is the impression that the Dordt faculty is radically divided. The Sioux Falls encounter showed us that there are only minor differences of emphasis. We went home praising the Lord for the unity of thought and spirit which we might profess. We came away with a new sense of mission and dedication to the Reformed heritage which is the reason for our existence. At the Sioux Falls C.M.A. Conference the Dordt trumpet gave no uncertain sound.

Nick Van Til
Chairman of

the Theology-Philosophy Department

In Memory

Dordt College has received a memorial gift in memory of:

Mr. Chris Vander Werf
of Colton, South Dakota, from his beloved wife.

May these gifts of love in memory of the departed be fruitful in bringing glory and praise to our God.